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Spring Greetings,

As we are blossoming in this spring season, we are also blossoming in our COVID-19 vaccination efforts. We would like to thank you for your patience as we assist with COVID-19 deployments as well as serving our regions.

We will continue to provide prompt service, please do not hesitate to contact your Administrative and Financial Consultant by email or phone for any question or technical assistance.

- Administrative and Financial Support Unit

Welcome Janelli Campuzano!

Please welcome our newest Administrative and Financial Consultant, Janelli Campuzano, to the Local Technical Assistance and Training Branch.

Janelli comes to us from Randolph County, has 7+ years of experience in billing and coding, administrative and financial experience, and is CMC certified.

Janelli will be serving the West Central Region.



Reminders:

Clinical Policy 1E-7, Family Planning Services Revised Effective May 1, 2021

An amended version of Clinical Coverage Policy 1E-7, Family Planning Services, with an effective date of May 1, 2021. The permanent policy updates are being made for "Be Smart" Family Planning Medicaid (MAFDN) and traditional Medicaid beneficiaries and will be effective May 1, 2021.

COVID-19 Billing Resources

Local Technical Assistance and Training Branch's COVID-19 testing and vaccination billing resource guide is located at <https://publichealth.nc.gov/lhd/index.htm>, under the COVID-19 Resources section.

Special Bulletin COVID-19 #162: Medicaid Rate Increases for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes

Effective March 15, 2021, NC Medicaid is aligning reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) increased Medicare rate of \$40 per dose.

Special Bulletin COVID-19 #163: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended

NC Medicaid has determined that it is both necessary and feasible, contingent on official extension of the federal PHE, to continue all temporary fee-for-service rate increases related to COVID-19 through June 30, 2021.

Medicaid Managed Care Back Porch Chat Webinar Series

Medicaid Managed Care Webinar Series for Providers

Every first Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

*The Right Service to The Right People At
The Right Time In The Right Amount.*

Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) and Depo-Provera Claims Review Program

NC Medicaid issued a notification on 11/10/2020 informing 340B providers that NC Medicaid has contracted with Myers and Stauffer, LC to conduct an ongoing claims review to identify and take actions on LARC and Depo-Provera overpayments. (See **Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) and Depo-Provera® (medroxyprogesterone) Claims Review Program** at: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2020/11/10/long-acting-reversible-contraceptive-larc-and-depo-provera%C2%AE-medroxyprogesterone>)

If you should receive a notice from Myers and Stauffer, LC, please ask them what timeframe they want you to use when researching the claims for over-payments.

Please also contact your Administrative and Financial Consultant and Nurse Consultant.

Medicaid Managed Care

As we draw near to the July 1, 2021 Medicaid Managed Care implementation date, Medicaid has provided several points of detail.

The most recent notification, [Medicaid Managed Care Provider Update](#), posted on March 16, 2021, provides details regarding the following:

- Help Center Now Available for Providers to Find Information
- Webinar Series for Medicaid Providers and Practice Leaders
- Health Plan Virtual Meet and Greet Sessions
- Ensure Your Information
- Key Dates for Transitioning to Medicaid Managed Care
- PHP Quick Reference Guides Created
- Provider Contracting Reminders
- Provider Playbook Updates
- Medicaid Contacts Reference Guide for Beneficiaries Available

Payment for Healthy Opportunities Screening and Referral

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice are temporarily covering Healthy Opportunities screenings to encourage providers to gain capacity for screening Medicaid beneficiaries for unmet health-related resource needs and referring them to appropriate community-based resources prior to the launch of Medicaid Managed Care.

- Reimbursement is limited to Carolina Access II providers and is a time limited opportunity through June 30, 2021.
- Coverage of this code after Medicaid Managed Care launch will be at the discretion of the health plans. <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2021/02/01/temporary-clinical-policy-modifications-payment-healthy-opportunities-screening-and>

Health Equity Payment Initiative

This initiative ultimately aims to improve access to primary care and preventive services for Medicaid and NC Health Choice beneficiaries in North Carolina at a time when historically marginalized populations are facing challenges highlighted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. These payments will be available for three months as a limited initiative from April-June 2021.

Eligibility requirements are set forth in the Medicaid Bulletin:

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2021/03/19/health-equity-payment-initiative>

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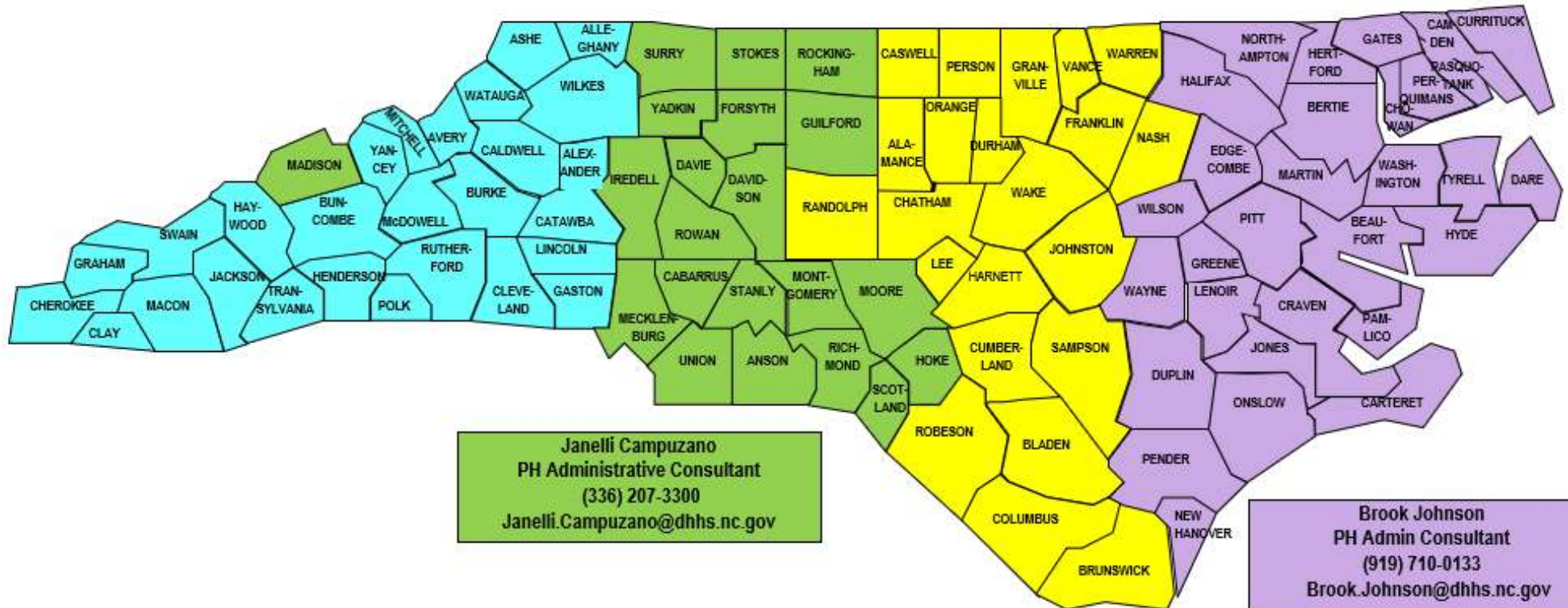
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